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Attorney Docket No. 15258-556
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

CHRISTIAN ENGELER, ET AL.

Application No. 10/054,194

Filed: November 13, 2001

For: COLUMN FOR CARRYING OUT
AN ISOTOPE EXCHANGE BETWEEN
A LIQUID SUBSTANCE AND A
GASEOUS SUBSTANCE

Customer No. 20350

Confirmation No. 4424

Examiner: Wayne A. Langel

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1754

AMENDMENT

San Francisco, CA 94111
September 15, 2004

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

As a precautionary measure, applicants request an extension of time, if needed and if not separately attached hereto, and authorize the Commissioner to charge the fee therefor to our deposit account in accordance with our standing authorization for such charges.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated September 2, 2004, applicants elect with traverse Claim Group I, that is, claims 2-8, together with claim 1, all directed to an ion exchange column.

Applicants believe that the generic (or linking) claim 1 is substantively allowable and, therefore, requests the substantive examination of all pending claims 1-10.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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